

CONCERNED ABOUT  
YOUR CHILD’S  
DEVELOPMENT?  
SHIELD CAN HELP



EVERY CHILD DEVELOPS AT HIS OR HER own pace, yet there are particular skills, such as walking and talking, that are expected by a certain age. If a baby or child hasn’t reached a skill or developmental milestone by that age, it might signal that help or early intervention is needed.

Children who are developmentally delayed and receive services early do better in school. They also have a better chance to live up to their full potential.

If you have concerns about how your child is seeing, hearing, moving, eating, talking, playing, learning or behaving, or if a child has a medical diagnosis affecting development, contact South Hennepin Interagency Early Learning and Development (SHIELD) that can find and coordinate services for your child. SHIELD is a free service for families in Bloomington, Edina, Eden Prairie and Richfield. For more information, call 952-563-8900 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: SHIELD. If your child is over age three, call your local school district’s early learning program.

CELEBRATE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
VISIT YOUR FIRE STATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY



**NEW!**  
Public Safety Training  
Facility Open House  
7525 Braemar Blvd., Edina.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

STATION NO.	ADDRESS	STATION NO.	ADDRESS
1	10 West 95th St.	4	4201 W. 84th St.
2	10601 Xerxes Ave. S.	5	10540 Bush Lake Road
3	2050 E. 86th St.	6	8601 Lakeview Road

THE CITY’S SIX FIRE STATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY CELEBRATE National Fire Prevention Week with an open house on **Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Firefighters, Police and Public Works staff will be on hand, along with a variety of activities, demonstrations and tours. Free t-shirts and temporary tattoos will be available for kids. For more information, call 952-563-4801.

FREE CELL PHONES TO ACCESS 911  
OLDER ADULTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ELIGIBLE

BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS, WHO DO NOT OWN CELL PHONES AND ARE AGES 55 OR older or have disabilities or medical conditions, are eligible to register for free cell phones refurbished to access 911 emergency services exclusively. Cell phones will be distributed on **Saturday, September 23, at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.**, at Creekside, 9801 Penn Ave. S. A monthly service fee is not needed to access 911. Individuals who receive cell phones must attend a brief orientation on distribution day. The program is sponsored by Human Services and Qwest Communications.



CELL PHONE DONATIONS NEEDED

If you’d like to donate a cell phone with a wall charger that was purchased within the last five years, drop it off at Creekside. Volunteers with Qwest Pioneers will clear the phones of personal data and reprogram them to access 911. Donated phones will be distributed to older adults and individuals with disabilities or medical conditions.

CREEKSIDE  
COMMUNITY CENTER

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER IS located at 9801 Penn Ave. S. For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

CARDS, CLUBS, CRAFTS AND  
COMPUTERS  
JOIN IN THE FUN



The Bloomington Senior Program offers an array of programs and services, including card clubs, crafts, billiards, woodshop, computer classes, lapidary, food programs, volunteer opportunities and a boutique. Attend a “Get Acquainted with Creekside” gathering on **Wednesday, September 6, 10 - 11 a.m.**, to learn more about the many programs, activities and opportunities offered for seniors at Creekside.

FURNITURE REFERRALS  
GET WHAT YOU NEED



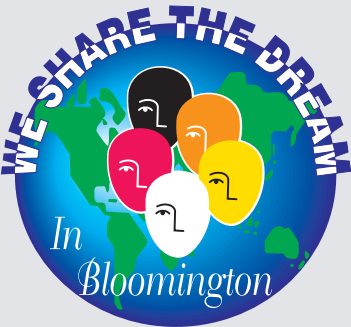
Lower-income families who are in need of basic furniture may be eligible to receive these items through the nonprofit organization Bridging, Inc. Those with limited furniture due to a fire or domestic abuse situation may also be eligible. For more information, call Human Services Program Coordinator Alissa Smith at 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES  
FAMILINK CAN HELP

Human Services FamiLink provides information related to housing, financial assistance, health insurance, legal services, childcare and food resources for people who live, work or attend school in Bloomington. For more information or to request a community resource catalog, call 952-563-4957 V/TTY or visit Creekside. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TAKE A HIKE  
FALL WALKING CLUB

The Fall Walking Club will meet **Tuesdays, September 5 - 26, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, for hikes at a variety of Twin Cities’ locations, including Como Park and Harriet Island. Cost is \$33. For more information, call 952-563-4949.



HONOR LEADERSHIP  
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

THE BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS Commission is seeking nominations for the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award. The Commission will honor an individual or organization (business, volunteer group or religious group) that has demonstrated leadership in promoting human rights in our city. The award recipient will be publicly recognized and receive a plaque. The deadline for Omar Bonderud Award nominations is September 15. To receive a nominee application, call 952-563-8733, TTY 952-563-8740.

BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

HIGHWAY 100 AND WEST 78TH STREET IN 1956



Minnesota Historical Society

FIFTY YEARS AGO, THE INTERSECTION OF WHAT WAS THEN KNOWN AS NORMANDALE Road and West 78th Street consisted of two stoplights surrounded by open fields. Today the signals are gone, replaced by a bridge at 78th Street over the southern terminus of Highway 100. The open fields are gone, too, developed by businesses and hotels such as the Sheraton and Hotel Sofitel.